

**ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IC**  
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**Exhibit 9**

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1) Q. What is the public health, safety or welfare rationale for licensing and regulating your profession?

A. Dental professionals have a direct and immediate effect on the health, safety and welfare of the people of Montana. The actions of the professionals can be irreversible; therefore a monitoring system is needed. While most dental professionals are very ethical and have a high set of morals, there are those few who will do or attempt to do things which are inappropriate.

2) Q. If your profession were not licensed, what protection would be lost?

A. Most, if not all, public protection would be lost. The patient would have very little re-course except thru the legal system. Sometimes the board is able to intervene and by simple or complex dialog is able to rectify the problem.

\* 3) Q. If a license is necessary (for health, safety, or welfare) does the profession/occupation need a board for oversight? If yes, please explain why and describe the purpose of creating a board.

A. There must be some type of monitoring system with-in the dental profession. If not there would not be protection for the public and they would have no place to turn.

4) Q. Does your board deal with unlicensed practice issues? If yes, what type of issues?

A. Yes it does deal with unlicensed practice issues.  
Some of those unlicensed practice issues include:

1. Failure to re-apply for licensure.
2. Those who lack continuing education.
3. People who lack dental education to perform services in which they are providing.